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Pulse of Wabash

Friends of the NMPL Spring Book Sale concludes Saturday

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) have planned a Spring Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at 405 N. Market St., North Manchester. For more information, call 260-982-2449.

Western square dance lessons offered

Western square dance lessons will be held during the spring this year, beginning on Saturday, April 9 in North Manchester. The lessons are being sponsored by the Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club. The lessons will be open to beginners on Saturdays, April 16 and 23 in the Scout Hall in Warvel Park, at 7th and Market streets in North Manchester. The square dance lessons will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The first lesson is free. Subsequent lessons are \$3 per person. Lessons will move to Sunday afternoons in May and June. Everyone is invited to join the fun — couples and singles, young and older. All are welcome. For more information, call 260-215-3694 or 260-982-2814 or email rjschroll@manchester.edu.

Charley Creek Gardens to host Bunny Bash

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will present the annual Bunny Bash festival from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16 at the Charley Creek Gardens, 551 N. Miami St. The event will feature free family-friendly activities in celebration of the Easter holiday. Parking is available at 518 N. Wabash St. or Wabash High School. For more information, visit www.honeywellarts.org/bunny.

Honeywell House to host Julie Dickey, owner of 4 Partners in Crime

Julie Dickey will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at the Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash St. Dickey, the owner of 4 Partners in Crime located in downtown Wabash, will share her passion for cooking and art, and how the two allow people to connect, create and discover their inner artist. Admission is free, but reservations are required and may be made by visiting honeywellarts.org.

Money Smart Program to be held at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA Lunch and Learn Program is free for the community and is to last from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. The program will be held monthly on

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State GOP lawmakers ask Holcomb for a special session if Roe overturned

The expected June decision could radically transform abortion access in U.S.

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

An upcoming decision by the U.S. Supreme Court could radically transform abortion access in the country, and state Republican lawmakers have asked Gov.

Eric Holcomb for a special legislative session if that occurs.

A ruling is expected in June in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. In that case, the state of Mississippi is challenging Roe v. Wade. Depending on how the high court rules that previous landmark abortion decision could be completely or partially overturned.

Recently, 100 members of the Indiana General Assembly wrote to Gov. Eric Hol-

comb asking for a special legislative session if that occurs.

"It is the desire of the House and Senate leadership, including the signatures below, for you to call the General Assembly back in for a special session, at the earliest date practicable, should the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling expand Indiana's ability to protect unborn children. Providing a voice for those that have not yet been able to speak for themselves is a

responsibility that we do not take lightly, and this is exactly why this request is so important," stated the March 8 letter. "As a state that recognizes that life is a precious gift that should never be neglected, it is our desire that you, as the Governor of Indiana, ensure that those values are upheld without delay. We have a responsibility to Hoosiers to ensure that our state laws are aligned with the Supreme Court's decision if Roe v. Wade is wholly, or

partially, overturned."

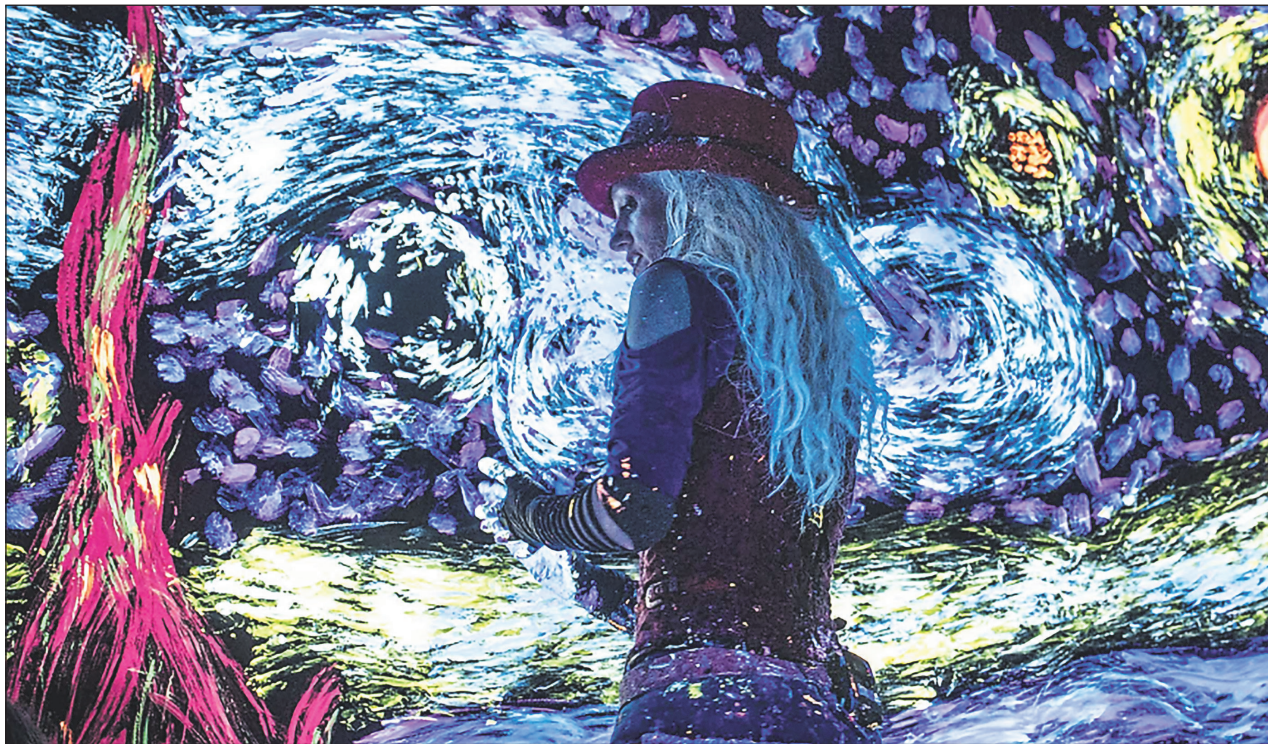
On Friday, Holcomb's press secretary Erin Murphy said they had received the letter and were awaiting further federal action.

"He is absolutely considering it while he awaits a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court," said Murphy.

Among the signers were Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, and Rep. Dan Leonard,

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Artrageous a treat for the senses



Provided photo

Artrageous is set to perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Honeywell Center.

Art, performance, dance, more to combine on stage Saturday at the Honeywell Center

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Art, performance, dance and more will all come together in a lively color combination this weekend in Wabash.

Artrageous is set to perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Honeywell Center.

"Join us on a wildly creative, heart-pounding journey for the senses," said Honeywell Arts & Entertainment public relations specialist Michele DeVinney. "Experience an indescribable collision of the

arts on one stage. This one-of-a-kind show combines live performance painting with original and classic music and remarkable vocals that will have you dancing as the Artrageous artists race to finish their masterpieces before the last note."

Most seats are either \$25 or \$30, with limited premium seating available for \$60. Tickets may be purchased by calling 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

In a recent phone interview, Artrageous performer Lauri Francis said they would be giving away at least one of their paintings at the show in a random drawing of ticket holders.

"We have sold our paintings for \$15,000 so that's a pretty great win there," said Francis.

Francis said they will also have a feature at the end of the show which will allow those in attendance to "bring a T-shirt or backpack or baseball cap or whatever crazy thing you think of we" and the performance would then "throw paint on it for you."

"You can walk away with your own original art piece from Artrageous," said Francis.

Francis said the members of the cast started as street performers in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

"We would do life-sized puppetry on the streets of Vancouver. We dressed as clowns and we did juggling and things like that," said Francis.

Francis said they then went on tour "in a little school bus" performing puppetry and

"doing creative movement dances and things like that."

Francis when they reached New Mexico they ran out of money. This prompted a reinvention.

"We kind of built everything from the ground up again and were performers and grew into a band," said Francis. "Everybody learned an instrument. And then we added art to it."

Francis said Artrageous is a culmination of all the things that they learned in their many years of entertainment all on one stage.

"It's like a circus basically, an art and music circus where everything is combined on one stage," said Francis.

Francis said the audience will notice from the moment

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Little Free Library now open at the NMPL

The new service is the second one in North Manchester, the third in the county

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) now has a new feature just outside the front entrance to facilitate community book sharing.

That's because the NMPL is now "proud to be the stewards" of a new Little Free Library (LFL), said adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann, on Wednesday.

Hann said the new LFL is available for the entire community to enjoy at any hour of the day at 405 N. Market St., North Manchester, at the base of the Flat Playground on the Market Street entrance. The NMPL Little Free Library isn't the only one in town, as there is also one, "Redwood Stacks," located



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Members of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) Friends of the Library (FOL) Board and NMPL director Diane Randall, second from the right, and NMPL circulation librarian Cody Goble, second from the left, with the new Little Free Library (LFL).

cated at 807 East St., North Manchester. The LFL was installed by Luanne Harley and Brian Kruschwitz.

"A Little Free Library is a 'take a book, return a book' free book exchange and anyone may take a book or bring a book to share," said Hann. "Little Free Library book

exchanges have a unique, personal touch. There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community; little libraries have been called 'mini-town squares.'"

Hann said in addition to

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Peace Week coming to Manchester University

Events are scheduled from Monday, April 18 through Saturday, April 23

By CHLOE LECKRONE

The kickoff speaker for Manchester University's 2022 Peace Week is a community liaison from Ohio, Alicia Smith. Smith will explore project-based learning and community action and education in the face of climate injustice.

"Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BI-POC & Beyond" is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, April 18 in Cordier Auditorium at the North Manchester campus. This event is free and open to the public. The presentation is part of the Values, Ideas and the Arts (VIA) series at Manchester.

Smith is a liaison with Junction Coalition, a Toledo-based organization focused on building safe and sustainable communities. Junction Coalition's "Four Pillars" are economic justice, environmental justice, social justice and peace education.

Following the VIA event, there will be a lunch with Smith for students, faculty, and staff. Smith will join the Kenapocomoco Peace Coalition student group Monday evening.

Alumni and peace studies students will visit Junction Coalition the week following Smith's presentation. This is an annual trip to various U.S. cities organized by peace studies and alumni relations to bring together current students and Manchester graduates. This year it is a joint trip with the environmental

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Waterfall Trolley Tour is now on sale

This ‘all-inclusive’ tour is set for Saturday, May 7, and is limited to 34 people

STAFF REPORT

Visit Wabash County has announced the release of a new explorative trolley tour highlighting waterfalls in Wabash County, according to Visit Wabash County executive director Christine Flohr.

“Spend the morning exploring two of the seven public-access waterfalls in Wabash County and get the rare opportunity to hike to a private waterfall once known as the ‘Avenue Falls,’” said Flohr.

The Waterfall Trolley Tour will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7.

This “all-inclusive” tour is limited to 34 people and the cost per ticket is \$30.

“Wabash County has stunning and diverse landscapes,” said Visit Wabash County tourism manager Jennifer Long-Dillon. “It’s thrilling to pull on my wellies and hike to these remote areas where nature has created captivating waterfalls. I am excited to share this immersive tour with the



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The Waterfall Trolley Tour will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7.

public and am grateful to State Farm Agent Todd Adams for sponsoring the tour.”

The tour will leave from the Welcome Center in downtown Wabash and make its way to Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run where tour participants will hear from the caretaker of the 72-acre wetlands while hiking to the first waterfall on the tour.

The tour also includes exploring Matlock Falls which are tucked away behind Matlock Cemetery.

The last waterfall on the tour is located on private property and has been made

available exclusively for this tour.

Assisting as one of the guides on the tour is outdoor enthusiast and current Visit Wabash County Board president Adam Stakeman.

“Wabash County is unique in the fact that it offers a variety of experiences from art and entertainment to history and heritage to outdoor sports and recreation. I am excited to share some of my favorite places to hike with others,” said Stakeman.

The tour includes refreshments from Bailey’s Pizza Parlor and Modoc’s Market. Most of the tour requires walking on uneven, wet terrain.

“Please wear non-slip hiking shoes or boots and be prepared to hike at times. The tour is rain or shine,” said Flohr.

Trolley No. 85 tour programs are supported by the city of Wabash, J.M. Reynolds Oil Company and other local partners.

For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours.

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:22 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:02 a.m.

 Full 4/16	 Last 4/23	 New 4/30	 First 5/8
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 56°, humidity of 50%. West wind 6 to 15 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 31°. South southeast wind 6 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 28°. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 52°, humidity of 45%.

LIBRARY

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servicing the community, NMPL hopes the Little Free Library will also bring more attention to the library grounds and library services.

“We hope it will bring people who do not have library cards to the facility and make them feel more welcome,” says circulation librarian Cody Goble. “It reminds patrons who may not be able to afford a card, that a library card is not a necessity to enjoy all the benefits of the library.”

Hann said the purchase of this Little Free Library was made possible for the NMPL Friends of the Library (FOL) group.

“We want to encourage the community to share their love of books with others,” said NMPL FOL president Shirley Glade. “We felt this was a wonderful way to invite people to come together through reading, and also promote all that the library has to offer.”

The new NMPL Little Free Library is registered with the official Little Free Library (LFL) Foundation and has been placed on the LFL World Map. According to the map, there is also one in Wabash, “Ruby’s Little Free Library,” at 1078 Mitten Drive.

“Little Free Library’s mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Libraries. I encourage people to approach Little Free Libraries they discover out in the world with curiosity,” said Harley. “Even though the selection is only a tiny fraction of what a person would find in a public library, it allows one the opportunity to be introduced to a new author and even a new genre of interest that they might not have been introduced to otherwise. Thanks to the North Manchester Public Library for their recent installation of a new Little Free Library and for the commitment to care for it.”

Hann said the NMPL LFL is now open for all to enjoy, “whether it’s taking a book or leaving a book.”

“The NMPL encourages everyone to stop by and check it out soon,” said Hann.

The LFL is a nonprofit organization based in Hudson, Wisconsin.

“Our mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network



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The new LFL is available for the entire community to enjoy at any hour of the day at 405 N. Market St., North Manchester, at the base of the Flat Playground on the Market Street entrance.

of volunteer-led Little Free Libraries,” stated the group. “Our vision is a Little Free Library in every community and a book for every reader. We believe all people are empowered when the opportunity to discover a personally relevant book to read is not limited by time, space or privilege.”

For more information, visit www.littlefreelibrary.org. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainealer.com.

PEACE

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studies program.

Events throughout Peace Week, from Monday, April 18 through Saturday, April 23, that are open to the public include:

“Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BIPOC & Beyond” on Monday, April 18.

■ Interfaith Chapel at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 in Petersime Chapel.

■ Drum circle at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 in Petersime Chapel.

■ Empty Bowls fundraiser from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 on the Manchester University Mall.

At the annual Empty Bowls fundraising event, soup will be served in bowls decorated by members of the Manchester University community. Donations will go to Urban Seeds, an Evansville-based nonprofit that works to increase access to nourishing foods in southwest Indiana. The suggested donation is \$5, but larger donations are welcome.

During Peace Week, students are also invited to join gatherings, including Simply Brethren on Tuesday evening, Pagans of Manchester on Wednesday evening and Thursday’s dialogue circle. Led by Education for Conflict Resolution members in the Toyota Round, the dialogue circle is centered on



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Senior Dinah Gilbert, majoring in peace studies and religious studies, decorates a bowl to be fired for the Empty Bowls event.

logue circle is centered on campus sustainability. Friday events include the Faith and Belief luncheon for students, faculty, staff and invited guests, and a service project at Koinonia, the environmental

tal retreat center owned by Manchester University, from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Obituaries

Nancy Jean Shafer Dotson

Aug. 25, 1936 – April 13, 2022

Nancy Jean Shafer Dotson, 85, passed away April 13, 2022, at Woodlawn Hospital, surrounded by a mob of family members, a few friends, and numerous coffee cups – she was loving it! Nancy was born in Miami County on Aug. 25, 1936, the first of Evelyn and Chester Shafer’s six children. She went to school at Gilead from first grade through twelfth, graduating along with eight of her best forever friends in 1954. She worked at Senger Dry Goods her senior year, an experience she never forgot.

She spent a year at Ball State, which gave her a never-ending respect and admiration for education and for escaping one’s younger siblings. She worked a variety of jobs, always taking friendships and stories with her when she left each one due to family needs or life changes. One of her favorite jobs was as a waitress at the Steer-In restaurant near Silver Lake, when her boss stood in the doorway to the kitchen and threatened to fire her if she broke “one more cup.” As he turned to leave, she dropped a cup. He kept on walking.

She married Lester Dotson, Jr. (Junior) on Dec. 20, 1955. They shared many years, an interruption, and much love, as well as three daughters, four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Junior preceded Nancy in death on Jan. 13, 2013.

Almost as much as her family, Nancy loved traveling. She went to Ireland with friends twice – once as the designated driver; her friends all survived. She made her home in Oregon, Montana, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky at different points in her life and even though they weren’t all happy times, she took good memories from each place.

She was so many things to so many people. She was the bread-baker, pie-maker, and cook. Her friend Julie taught her to decorate cakes. If you



won her disapproval, she’d very likely refer to you as a heifer. Her grandsons learned to identify the “death look.” Her favorite things to be were Granny, Mom, sister, aunt, and friend, in no particular order – she had enough love to go around.

The earth is poorer now, our hearts emptier, without Nancy sitting at her kitchen table ready for coffee and conversation, and we know the ones who preceded her – her parents and husband, her sister Christine, her brothers Tom and Dan, and some beloved friends and pets – were waiting on the other side. They are catching up on their stories. Some of them may even be true!

Left to mourn and be grateful for her life are her daughters Sharon (Ronnie) Conley, Karen Kyler, and Wendy (Tom) Ellet; two grandsons, Ryan (Melissa) Dotson and Brook (Melissa Johnson) Stevens; two granddaughters, Caitlin and Renessa Ellet; five great-grandchildren, Brianna, Miranda, Kaydence, Lexi, and Colton; one brother, Joe (Sadie) Shafer; one sister, Liz (Duane) Flaherty; special family Ida Walter and Kerry Keaf-faber; and more nieces, nephews, and kids-of-the-heart than could be named here.

Memorial visitation will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm, Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

Romona June Hagle

Romona June Hagle, 59, New Haven, passed away on April 10, 2022 at Parkview Randallia Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The loving memory of Romona June Hagle will be forever cherished by her mother, Neva Able, Fort Wayne;

father, Roger D. (Mary) Douglas, Fort Wayne; sister, Nicole Hall, New Haven, and her nieces and nephew.

A graveside service will be held Friday, April 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester.

Manchester University offers robotics, coding summer camps for children

Students entering sixth through ninth grades eligible for various sessions

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University sponsors summer camps at the North Manchester campus that are available to students in specific grades.

Coding Day Camp is 9 a.m. to noon Monday, June

13 through Friday, June 17 for students entering seventh through ninth grades. The cost is \$99.

The registration deadline is Friday, May 27.

Students attending the coding camp will learn computational thinking and how to program in popular languages such as Python and Java to solve problems and create simple games.

Students will be instructed by Robin Mitchell, assistant professor of computer sci-

ence at Manchester University.

Robotics Day Camp is 9 a.m. to noon Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 for students entering sixth through eighth grades. The cost is \$99.

Campers will learn to build, program and test robots that move using motors. They will program their robot to interact with its environment using sensors and navigate an obstacle course.

Campers will be given real

problems to solve, for which they will brainstorm to find creative solutions and develop those solutions through experimentation, observation and debugging.

The registration deadline is Friday, June 3.

To register, visit the Summer Camps For Kids link at www.meetatmanchester.com.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

Lowell Dean Karns

Sept. 23, 1934 – April 14, 2022



Lowell Dean Karns, 87, of Wabash, Indiana, went to be with Jesus at 8:15 am, Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Wellbrooke of Wabash. He was born on Sept. 23, 1934, in Urbana, Indiana, to Earl Jacob and Anna Dean (Yeager) Karns.

Lowell was a 1952 graduate of Urbana High School. He married Marilyn Jane Rumpf on April 10, 1955 at the Christ United Methodist Church in Wabash. He owned and operated Urbana LP Gas and also Wabash Appliance. Lowell was a member of Christ United Methodist Church but had attended Bachelor Creek Church of Christ the past few years. He also was a member and Past Master of the Wabash and Roann Masonic Lodges, member and Past Worthy Patron of the Roann and North Manchester Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine and a member and Past President of the Urbana Lions Club. Lowell enjoyed drinking coffee with his buddies, putting jigsaw puzzles together, playing Bingo and Euchre at Wellbrooke, and watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren’s activities.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Jane Karns of Wabash; three children, Kimberly (Clarence Jr.) Jones, April (Bill) Welsh, and Daniel Dean (Kristine) Karns, all of Wabash; nine grandchildren, Missy (Jeff) Bowling and Amy (John) Yoakum, both of Wabash, Mike (Emily) Jones of Roann, Indiana, Erica (Curtis) Miller of Springville, Indiana, Ashley (Tim)

Hendry of Scottsdale, Arizona, Chad (Krystal) Bever of Nashville, Tennessee, Amie Jones, Kelli Karns, and Danielle Karns, all of Wabash, 13 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild, and his sister, Anna Lee (Max) Biehl of Urbana. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Patti Lynn Karns who died June 16, 1960, great-granddaughter, Ariya Grace Krieg, twin brother, Loyle Karns, and four sisters, Anita Merrill, Earleen Ulrey, Karmen Caruso, and Marian Karns.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. State Road 15, Wabash, with Michael Eaton officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter’s Cemetery, Urbana. Friends may call 3-7:30 pm Tuesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. There will be a Masonic Service Tuesday, at 7:30 pm.

Preferred memorial is Urbana Lions Club.

The memorial guest book for Lowell may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Jack Lee ‘Cookie’ Cook

Feb. 9, 1953 – April 12, 2022

Jack Lee “Cookie” Cook, 69, Kokomo, passed away on April 12, 2022 at home. The son of Elmer and Madora (Hood) Cook, Jack was born February 9, 1953 in Kokomo, Indiana.

Jack is survived by his daughter, Tabitha (Lowill) McKinney; sisters, Sharon Freed, and Jeri Black; grandchildren, Jessica (Lucas Titus) McKinney, Brandon

(Lydia Combs) McKinney, and Nack Paddock.

Visitation Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Pastor J.P. Freeman will officiate.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Thanking those who keep our communities charged

You might not know that some first responders climb a 40-foot pole or work sky-high in an elevated bucket truck.

Stan Pinegar



They’re lineworkers, and they’re dedicated community heroes who keep the power on and keep our families, neighbors

and communities safe. Harsh weather conditions – whether winter storms or high winds – can put us in the face of challenging, untimely and even dangerous circumstances. We rely on electricity to power our lives and it can be unsettling when power outages happen. But what we also rely on is the fact that linework-

ers will be there to answer the call.

Lineworkers sacrifice their comfort for hours, leaving the security of their homes to ensure that the lights stay on. We appreciate those sacrifices and the dedication it takes to do a job that touches the lives of everyone – and hope you will join us in recognizing that work.

While the official day for National Lineworker Appreciation Day is Monday, April 18, lineworkers are valued and appreciated each day for the outstanding work they do safely and reliably serving customers and communities. We thank them for their service and devotion to Indiana. Please take a moment to thank a lineworker in your community.

Stan Pinegar is the Indiana state president of Duke Energy.

Downtown Wabash Sidewalk Clings are now on sale for \$55

Order sidewalk clings to promote local businesses, products, events, more

STAFF REPORT

Spring Sidewalk Clings are now on sale for businesses and individuals to purchase as a way of advertising in downtown Wabash, according to Downtown Wabash public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

The clings will be installed by May’s First Friday on May 6 through the end of July.

Sidewalk Clings are available to purchase through Monday, April 25 at \$55 per cling.

Those who order Sidewalk Clings may design their cling in the dimensions of 24

inches wide by 17 inches tall.

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Marlee Richter, of Crossroads Band in Wabash, graduates from IBA Commercial Lending School

Crossroads Bank in Wabash has announced that Marlee Richter is a recent graduate of the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA) Commercial Lending School, according to assistant vice president and director of marking Mitzi Pilgrim.

The 2022 IBA Commercial Lending School was held in March at the IBA Center of

Professional Development in Indianapolis.

The IBA is the professional trade association providing educational, legislative, communications and research services for Indiana’s commercial banking industry.

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ARTRAGEOUS

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they enter the theater that this is a different show than anything else they’ve experienced before.

“We’re actually out there in the theater greeting them, doing little activities and fun games and things like that through the show to the very end that culminates in a live gallery on the Artrageous stage. I would say that we include the audience and kind of can’t do it without them,” said Francis. “We’re

really supportive. Nobody is ever pressured to interact in any way or come on stage or anything like that. So it’s a very safe environment where people are very supported if they want to come on stage we would love them to. If they just want to sit in their seats and tap their toes, that’s a way of participating as well. Or sing along or clap. We encourage them to participate in whatever capacity they feel inspired to.”

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PRICES

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percent locally, compared to 10 percent nationally; alcoholic beverages, up 2.3 percent locally, compared to 3.7 percent nationally; natural gas, up 26.3 percent locally, compared to 21.6 percent nationally.

Two areas where local prices didn’t rise as fast as those in the rest of the country were also in the energy sector including electricity, which was up 5 percent locally, compared to 11.1 percent nationally; and gasoline, which was up 46 percent locally, compared to 48 percent nationally.

“The past two years have been incredibly financially challenging for many people and families. Back in April 2020, we were concerned about record unemployment rates while we were starting to see supply chains fray – remember empty shelves for groceries and toilet paper?” said Blakeman. “Fast forward to today, and we have inflation rates we haven’t seen in more

than 40 years, hitting necessary items so it’s nearly impossible not to feel the pinch regardless of income level. For households without much budget elasticity, regardless of total income, these increases are hitting hard, and they don’t seem to be letting up any time soon.”

In the political arena, Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, took the opportunity to point the blame at the White House.

“With President Joe Biden at the helm, inflation is hammering Hoosiers. Every week at the grocery store and the gas pump, working families are forced to make hard choices as prices skyrocket out of control – with no end in sight,” said Walorski, on Tuesday. “While the White House spent months laughing off inflation fears and doubling down on its failed agenda, prices were climbing to shameful record-breaking highs. The answer is clear – get Americans back to work, get Americans making energy again, and get big-government out of the way.”

Walorski is running un-

opposed for the Republican nomination in the Second District in the May primary election. Meanwhile, Paul D. Steury is running unopposed for the Democratic Party nomination.

“Indiana Democrats have a plan to combat inflation and are ready to solve the kitchen-table issues important to voters. From passing The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and lowering insulin costs to calling on state leaders to pause the state gas tax, Democrats are standing up to businesses raking in profits all while families struggle to make ends meet. Unfortunately, Jackie Walorski and her Indiana GOP opposed all of these plans and have chosen to prioritize their partisanship,” said Steury, on Friday.

Steury said he wanted to focus on “the real tool the U.S. has to fight inflation,” the Federal Reserve Board.

“There have been six nominations since late 2021 – all pending a vote. The Senate Banking Committee requires at least one member of each

party to vote and the GOP is refusing to show up and do their job, while President Biden’s nominees have met with every member and answered every question asked. It’s without a doubt the overall GOP is purposefully holding up the nation’s ability to respond to inflation – and these political games are hurting Hoosiers in the process,” said Steury. “Congresswoman Walorski can repeat the same, tired Washington GOP lines as the rest, but it’s very clear they are deliberately hurting Hoosier families and their opportunity at a better future. As Congressman, I will cut out the political madness and work with President Biden to bring down the price of goods and gas prices and solve other issues most important to Hoosiers in this district. It’s time political leaders have a plan of action, not partisan rhetoric, and Democrats like myself have a plan and are ready to get to work.”

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Psalms 104:24

Ghostbusters: New federal rule will stem the scourge of ghost guns

Despite some extremist groups' misguided legal efforts, it remains extraordinarily difficult to legally purchase firearms in New York City. They can still be had on the black market coming in from the persistent Iron Pipeline, but Gov. Hochul and Mayor Adams have begun cracking down on that smuggling pathway, and buying an illegal gun can be both expensive and dangerous.

So what's an enterprising domestic abuser, drug dealer, or would-be shooter to do? The easy option is to purchase what's called a ghost gun, essentially a disassembled weapon that does not technically count as a firearm, at least not until it is put together in as little as a half hour.

Not only is this as simple

as buying a TV or a toaster online, it is perfectly legal, sidestepping gun laws and allowing malefactors to wield instruments that carry no serial numbers and are virtually untraceable no matter what a background check would have turned up for them. Once a trigger is pulled, they fire just like any other, no matter where they came from.

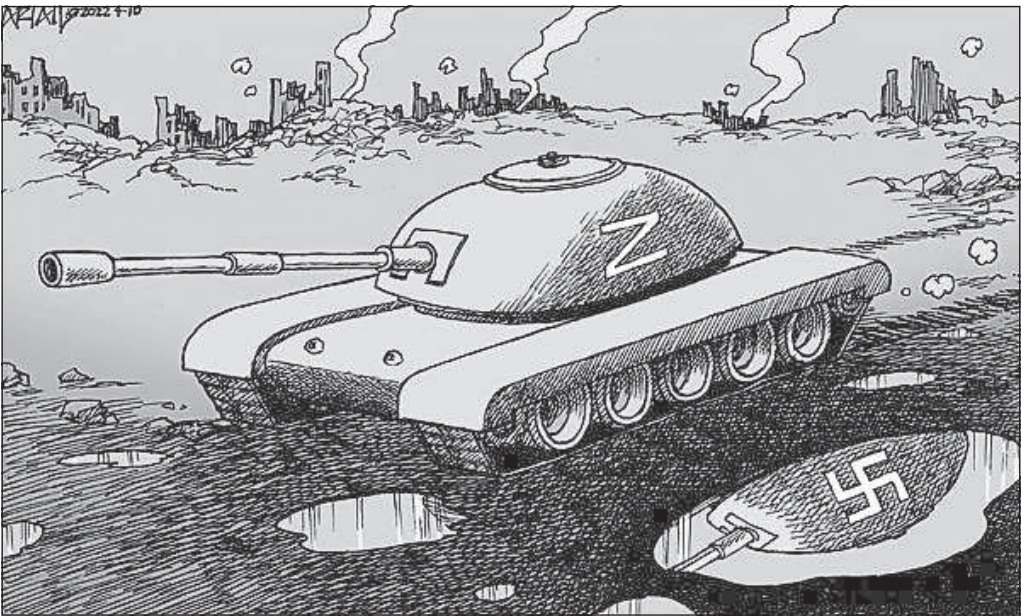
This long-standing loophole has made a mockery of our efforts to control the spread of these lethal tools, culminating in atrocities like Friday's murder of 16-year-old Angellyh Yambo in the Bronx. The share of ghost guns used in crimes remains low but is rising, driven by the smuggling crackdowns and the relative ease of obtaining them.

With President Biden's

announcement of a new federal rule clarifying that serial numbers must be included on components known as frames and receivers regardless of whether they're affixed to the rest of a gun, as well as establishing the kits as firearms themselves for enforcement purposes, we can work to stem this trickle before it becomes an avalanche.

Along with promises to increase federal enforcement and the announcement of a new nominee to run the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the president is signaling that these workarounds won't be tolerated. It's too late to save Angellyh, but we can keep other families from feeling that immense pain.

This editorial was first published in the New York Daily News.



Where's inflation and growth headed?

The inflation data this week pointed to continued high prices, despite an announcement by the Federal Reserve of significant efforts to end inflation this year. At the same time, more than one economist suggested that we face higher recession risks this year. Both of these developments are worrying, and I think there is cause for concern both on inflation and recession risks. But, there is also reason for some optimism, along with plenty of uncertainty.

It is clear today that the American Rescue Plan passed by Congress was too big, and helped fuel the inflation we now see. Last March I wrote in this column that the Bill could've been about half the size and achieve most of the same goals. I was not alone in that sentiment, but I also wrote that one of the lessons of the Great Recession is that too little stimulus is also a significant risk.


What was not clear in March 2021 was that household savings were much healthier than expected, and that labor markets were performing better than the preliminary data suggested. In that same column, I noted that labor markets were still several years away from full recovery. We still have not recovered the jobs lost in the pandemic and may not catch up to trend for several years.

Someone acting in good faith in early 2021 could've judged the American Rescue Plan as right sized. And, yes, I know that the act of admitting that someone who disagreed with you could be acting in good faith is a relic of the distant past, but I'm old-fashioned like that.

The inflation we now see is measured in higher prices for goods and services. That measurement is imperfect because it captures not only inflation, but also non-inflationary events like a war in Ukraine or an uneven restart of factory production after COVID. So, in real time, it is difficult to know precisely how many individual price increases are due to factors that are not really inflation, and how many are traditional inflation.

Making a distinction between some transient shock to prices and actual long-term inflation is important in deciding how to deal with the problem. If prices at the gas pump and grocery are due to a short-term spike in

Michael Hicks



gasoline prices due to a foreign war, then almost nothing the Federal Reserve does can reduce prices. Conversely, if all the price increases for gasoline, food, movies and restaurants is due to excess demand by consumers, the Federal Reserve can slow inflation.

The March inflation data signaled some of both. The data on March inflation was collected in the early weeks of the month as the Russo-Ukrainian War led to large increases in gasoline and other commodities. That data showed a large annual increase of inflation, at 8.5 percent. However, other measures of inflation that focus only on parts of the economy that aren't susceptible to volatile price changes saw a slower increase.

In the month since early March, gasoline prices have retreated modestly and the Federal Reserve's first rate hike kicked in. With the Fed promising at least six more interest rate increases this year, it is altogether possible that the March inflation data was the peak of this inflationary cycle. Further bolstering the likelihood that inflation will ease is the fact that household savings is now back nearly to pre-pandemic levels. The urgent spending in the summer and fall of 2021 won't be repeated this summer.

Of course, the way you moderate inflation is by slowing the growth of the economy. The Fed does this by tightening the supply of loanable money. The most visible way of doing this is by raising interest rates for banks. This increase in rates then spreads through the economy, affecting consumer and business loans. Thus, higher mortgage or car loan rates, higher credit card payments on the same debt, and higher costs for business all lead to a slowing economy.

Right now, labor markets are very tight, and few workers who desire to work will be unable to find a job. Still, for a full six months, inflation has risen more quickly than wages. Lower inflation-adjusted wages won't lure potential employees back into the workplace. This is especially true for workers who struggle with child care, which

has seen very substantial price increases.

Very tight labor markets, combined with only modestly higher interest rates, should mean the Fed can slow inflation without tipping the economy into a recession. Of course, that has been the goal of every effort to slow inflation, including all those that did end in a recession. With the Fed tightening money supply, the risks of a recession are higher.

There are a few wrinkles in all this calculus that the Fed must consider without having any really good evidence. The first of these is the continuing war in Ukraine and its potential impact on our economy. There's a wide range of bad possibilities and very few good ones coming from Eastern Europe. In many ways, Americans should be viewing today's risks very similarly to those we experienced with Iraq in 1990. We'd be better off preparing for cascades of bad news.

Beyond the risks of war are the unknown responses of consumers. If you are in your later 50s, you remember inflation. If you are in your early 60s or older, you probably lived with inflation as part of your business and household decisions. The wisdom of this experience puts the current inflation into context, muting some of its long-term risks.

If you are under 55, you likely have little recollection of inflation, and if you are under 50, you have none. The problem for the Fed is that most home mortgages and auto loans, along with most credit card debt, is held by people under 50. Their response to higher interest rates cannot be well known, simply because we've only had one long period of rate increase since the early 1980s.

In summary, the very best hopes for the economy over the next 12 months are moderating growth with significantly slower inflation. At the other end would be a period of much slower growth with continued inflation, or stagflation. The ability of policy makers at the Fed to fully understand the economy in real time is questionable, so something in-between is most likely. Still, it would be imprudent to discount either extreme.

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Passion Week and unholy passions

We are in Holy or Passion Week, the most significant eight days on the Christian calendar. It is a week of remembrance of the original Passion Week which occurred nearly 2,000 years ago.

The week proceeds along a very emotional roller-coaster ride for Christians. It begins with Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem amidst a crowd of exuberant worshippers, no doubt made even more enthusiastic with the news of the raising of Lazarus just days before.

While the excitement dies down over the next few days, there is still tension throughout the week as Jesus teaches openly in the Temple against the wishes of the elites of His day. It reaches its quietest point on Maundy Thursday evening in the solemn and contemplative Last Supper in the upper room.

Then things get really bad, really fast. His arrest and secret nighttime trial ends with a horrific execution in a manner never equaled in human history for its state-invoked cruelty.

But then, after a day of uncertainty, the week concludes with the glorious miracle of the Resurrection.

That's how the week proceeds for Christians. What, if any, lessons can it provide to Christians and non-Christians alike?

Whether one believes Jesus of Nazareth to be God Incarnate, His life provides an example for us all in how we deal with our fellow man. Did He ever shout someone down, preventing him from speaking in public? Hardly. Instead He engaged opponents in the open, leaving them in wonderment sometimes and extremely frustrated other times. His approach was to combat wrong ideas with superior ones and win the day by persuasion rather than by a show of verbal or physical force.

He was opposed constantly by his religious and political adversaries yet He never once demanded they lose their positions. He didn't organize any mass protests or incite a mob to "cancel" anyone. Even though He was right – He was God after all – He patiently confronted their attitudes and behaviors without devaluing them as human beings.

There was no double standard. He never exhorted anyone to do what He Himself would not or could not do. "Do what I say, not what I do" is not the lesson to be learned from His teaching and action. Compare that with today and our openly hypocritical public officials who embarrassed themselves during the Covid shutdowns. But it also includes the rest of us, too often comfortable in our cocoons of self-righteousness at the expense of others.

Can one even imagine Jesus dividing people into groups of greater and lesser worth based on purely external and visible characteristics? He could condemn sin, and make no mistake on this, He always condemned sin yet without irredeemably condemning the sinner.

In what may be the most misunderstood and misapplied of all the Gospel accounts, the story of the adulterous woman in John 8 stands out. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone" is misquoted on a quick draw basis whenever someone tries to escape being called to account by others. But the story does not end with that admonishment. Instead, Jesus looks at the adulterous woman and commands her in no uncertain terms: "Go, and sin no more." (John 8:11 KJV) This was not "I'm OK; You're OK" pop psychology.

Then there is His conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4. Jesus did not shun her for her birth as a despised Samaritan but still caught her in a lie about her husband. One more sinner was called to repentance for her action, not cast out due to her superficial identity with an unfavored group.

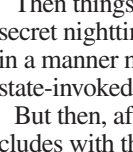
The examples are clear and challenging to us today if only we would listen.

Perhaps the hardest lesson to learn from Him lies in His first words from the cross. "Father, forgive them ..." Forgiveness? For those who railroaded his conviction and execution? Well, He was ... is ... God Incarnate but the world would be a whole lot better if we all learned from Him to practice more forgiveness and less payback.

We live in awful times, the worst in my seven decades of life. I am sure things were much worse in past centuries but it still rankles that so much of our current woe is of our own making. We have an exemplar from 2,000 years ago if we would only humble ourselves to learn from Him. But can we? Or is our profane passion driven by hateful prejudice toward those who disagree with us rather than the unbounded love of our fellow man which caused His very real passion of intense suffering? Even non-Christians should see the wisdom of this great teacher. And faith enlightens us believers even more.

"When the Son of Man returns, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8 ESV) Good question.

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, April 16, the 106th day of 2022. There are 259 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:
On April 16, 1945, a Soviet submarine in the Baltic Sea torpedoed and sank the MV Goya, which Germany was using to transport civilian refugees and wounded soldiers; it's estimated that up to 7,000 people died.

On this date:
In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Virginia, for his inauguration in New York.
In 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chaplin was born in London.
In 1945, in his first speech to Congress, President Harry S. Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
In 1947, the cargo ship Grandcamp, carrying ammonium nitrate, blew up in the harbor in Texas City, Texas; a nearby ship, the High Flyer, which was carrying ammonium nitrate and sulfur, caught fire and exploded the following day; the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people.

GRETCHEN'S TABLE



White quinoa stands in for breadcrumbs in these savory, garlicky chicken meatballs served with roasted carrots.

Gretchen McKay / Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Chicken meatballs with quinoa and pan-roasted carrots pack in the protein

By GRETCHEN MCKAY
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (TNS)

There’s a certain magic in a meal that can be pulled together on the stovetop, with just a handful of everyday ingredients and not a whole lot of brain power.

Put this healthy meatball dish on your list of fuss-free favorites you’ll want to make again and again. As flavorful as it is easy, it requires just five ingredients (if you don’t include oil or salt and pepper), and the most common of kitchen utensils: a saucepan and nonstick skillet.

Meatballs need to be bound with some sort of filler to hold the meat together while cooking. Often it’s eggs, crackers, panko or bread soaked in milk. This recipe goes gluten-free by using a mix of cooked quinoa and hummus as a binder.

A member of the goosefoot family, which includes beets, spinach and chard, quinoa is a complete protein that contains all eight essential amino acids. It’s also

rich in fiber and various vitamins and minerals, making it a “super-food.” Hummus, which is made from chickpeas, also boasts some nutritional heft.

Added to ground chicken, the result is a plant protein-packed dish that’s not only light and healthful, but also incredibly satisfying.

Charred carrots add a touch of sweetness, and you’ll definitely also taste the garlic. If you’re not a fan, substitute lemon or plain hummus. White quinoa cooks up fluffier than red, so try not to substitute.

A small squeeze of lemon before serving will brighten the flavor.

Chicken Meatballs with Quinoa and Pan-Roasted Carrots

PG tested
1 1/2 cups prewashed white quinoa
3/4 cup garlic hummus, divided
Juice and zest of 1 lemon
1 pound ground chicken
1 pound carrots with their greens, carrots peeled and sliced thin on bias, 1/3 cup greens chopped

1/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided
Salt and pepper

Heat quinoa in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until very fragrant and making continuous popping sounds, around 7 minutes.

Stir in 1 3/4 cups water and 1/2 teaspoon salt and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer until quinoa is tender and water is absorbed, 18 to 22 minutes, stirring once halfway through cooking. Remove pot from heat and let sit, covered, for 5 minutes, then gently fluff with fork and set aside to cool slightly.

Meanwhile, whisk 1/2 cup hummus, lemon juice and 4 teaspoons olive oil together in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper to taste; set sauce aside until ready to serve.

Combine chicken, 1 cup cooled quinoa, lemon zest, 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper and remaining 1/4 cup hummus in large bowl. Using damp hands, gently mix until combined. Roll mixture into 20 tightly packed 1 1/2-inch

meatballs.

Heat 3 tablespoons oil in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add meatballs and cook until well browned and cooked through, 9 to 11 minutes, turning gently as needed. Transfer meatballs to platter and tent loosely with aluminum foil to keep warm.

Add carrots, 3 tablespoons water and a generous pinch of salt to now-empty skillet. Cover and cook over medium heat for 2 minutes. Uncover and cook until carrots are tender and spotty brown, 3 to 4 minutes. (Mine took about 8 minutes to char.) Stir in remaining 3 cups cooled quinoa, reduce heat to medium and cook until quinoa is warmed through, about 2 minutes.

Stir in remaining 1 tablespoon oil and season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle carrot greens on top, along with a drizzle of olive oil, if desired. Serve with meatballs and hummus dressing drizzled on top, or on the side for dipping.

Serves 4.

QUICK FIX

Pan-seared salmon a flavorful, easy dinner

By LINDA GASSENHEIMER
Tribune News Service (TNS)

A simple sweet and sour sauce brightens this pan-seared salmon. Using the microwave oven and only one skillet makes clean up easy. While the salmon sautes in the skillet, the bok choy and rice cook in the microwave. They all come together for a flavorful, easy dinner.

If pressed for time, use a store-bought sweet and sour sauce instead of the one given.

Sweet And Sour Salmon with Bok Choy and Brown Rice

3 tablespoons ketchup
2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
1 tablespoon sesame oil
12 ounces wild caught salmon fillet
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 small baby bok choy
1 package microwaveable brown rice

Mix ketchup, white vinegar, and soy sauce together in a small bowl and set aside. Heat the sesame oil in a nonstick skillet just large enough to hold the salmon. Add the salmon, skin side up, and saute 5 minutes. Turn the salmon over and saute another 3 to 4 minutes. A meat thermometer should read 125 degrees.

While the salmon cooks, place the bok choy on a microwave-save plate and microwave on high 1 minute. Remove from the microwave and add the microwaveable brown rice. Cook according to package instructions. Measure 1 1/2 cups cooked rice and save any remaining rice for another time. Divide the rice between two dinner plates. Divide the salmon into two portions and place on the rice. Add the bok choy to the skillet and saute one minute. Divide between the two dinner plates.

Lower the heat to low and add the sweet and sour sauce for 30 seconds. Spoon the sauce over the salmon.

Manchester offers theater workshop at Eagles in Wabash

Manchester University offers the Theatre Odds and Ends Workshop on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 in the Parkview Ballroom at the Eagles Theater in Wabash, according to theater director Angelina Funk.

Gabrielle McAfee lead a workshop on special effects and stage makeup at 6 p.m. Friday, April 29, followed at 9 p.m. by a workshop on distressing costumes with Funk.

Events set for Saturday, April 30 include a tour of the Eagles The-

ater stage from 1 to 2 p.m.; a focus and movement workshop with Kira Lace Hawkins from 2 to 4 p.m.; a dance technique and musical theatre dance audition technique with Heather Closson from 4 to 6 p.m.; and a monologue workshop with Funk from 7 to 10 p.m.

The workshops are free and open to anyone of high school age and up.

Registration is required by Wednesday, April 27 by emailing agfunk@manchester.edu.

Mississinewa Lake’s annual Trash Sweep Contest is set for Saturday, April 23

Pick up trash for a chance to win a 2022 Indiana State Park Annual Entrance Pass

STAFF REPORT

Join Mississinewa Lake staff for a Trash Sweep Contest to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23 at Mississinewa Lake’s Miami State Recreational Area, 4673 S. 625 East, Peru, according to office manager Rachel Brane.

Participants will meet at Beach Shelter 1 at 9 a.m. Trash bags and latex gloves will be provided.

Groups will walk wooded areas. “Dress appropriately for conditions. Children must be accompanied by an adult,” said Brane. “Each pre-registered participant will receive lunch and free property gate entrance at the time of the event. Using only the bags provided, each full bag of trash equals one prize drawing entry.”

At the event, participants will be able to pick up trash for a chance

to win a 2022 Indiana State Park Annual Entrance Pass (AEP) valued at \$50. One winner of an AEP will be drawn and awarded after lunch. Participants must be present to win.

Registration deadline is noon Friday, April 22.

To register, call 765-473-6528. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/mississinewalake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Why ‘religious liberty’ has ended up inside quotation marks

Before putting his neck on the chopping block, King Charles I turned to his chaplain seeking personal peace after the chaos of the English Civil War.

The king was, on that infamous 1649 day, pondering heaven, hell and forgiveness.

“To show you that I am a good Christian,” the king said, pointing to London Bishop William Juxon, “I hope there is a good man that will bear me witness that I have forgiven all the world, and even those in particular that have been the chief causers of my death. Who they are, God knows. I do not desire to know. God forgive them.”

This isn’t the kind of theology that ordinarily shapes U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Nevertheless, it was part of a litany of historical references during debates preceding a recent decision requiring Texas to grant a convicted murderer

Terry Mattingly



both sides of America’s culture wars cheered for “religious liberty” – a freedom that until recently didn’t require cynical “scare quotes” that suggest uncertainty. This trend in First Amendment discourse has, for me, become the most important story I have covered during the third of a century – as of this week – in which I have written this national “On Religion” column.

The big question: Why did appeals to centuries of tradition work this time?

The condemned prisoner, John Ramirez, told the court he believed his pas-

his Baptist pastor’s audible prayers and comforting touch during his execution.

This was a rare moment in which activists on

ator’s “laying on of hands on him as he dies, and the vocalization of prayers and scripture, will assist his passing from life to death and will guide his path to the afterlife.”

In his decision, Chief Justice John Roberts saluted the “rich history” of evidence supporting this prisoner’s request “to have his pastor lay hands on him and pray over him during the execution. Both are traditional forms of religious exercise.”

Obviously, “history and tradition really matter when it comes to civil rights,” noted Eric Rassbach, senior counsel at Becket, a firm focusing on religious liberty cases. For starters, Texas officials were arguing with George Washington, Rassbach told reporters in an online forum.

The Becket brief – by professor Michael McConnell of Stanford Law School and Josh McDaniel

of the Harvard Law School Religious Freedom Clinic – argued: “Our Nation has an unbroken history of allowing these very practices before, during and after the Founding. Indeed, if an ounce of history is worth a pound of doctrine, here there are pounds of history on offer – from the executions of deserters during the Revolutionary War ... to the Army executions of Nazi war criminals after the Nuremberg Trials.”

A large conservative coalition filed similar arguments, including the Christian Legal Society, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Anglican Church in North America, the Rutherford Institute, the Southern Baptist Convention, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and others.

However, American Civil Liberties Union religious freedom expert Daniel Mach also released a cele-

bratory statement: “Texas has given no good reason for denying Mr. Ramirez’s reasonable request for basic religious accommodations during the execution. This welcome decision will help him find spiritual comfort in his final moments.”

Unity of this kind was common as recently as the 1990s and the landmark 97-3 U.S. Senate vote backing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. But church-state activists now find it much easier to agree when affirming the First Amendment claims of prisoners than those of religious believers – think bakers, photographers and florists – hesitant to affirm, with words and deeds, the doctrines of the Sexual Revolution.

The Ramirez case celebrations “involved what the case was NOT about,” said philosopher Francis Beckwith. “It didn’t focus

on any of the culture-war issues that have dominated American politics” in recent decades.

“Pastoral prayers with a prisoner facing death are the perfect example of what most people think of as religious acts. This case is about a man facing the end of his life, a moment when he is most vulnerable,” said Beckwith, who also teaches Church-State Studies at Baylor University.

However, he added, church-state battles about weddings “have become so important and symbolic because this is where secularism has started to make claims on matters that for centuries have been intensely religious. ... At this point, some religious traditions and doctrines are more popular than others.”

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

Local students part of Great Lakes champion esports team

Manchester University ‘Super Smash Bros. Ultimate’ players win for the third time in a row

By ANNE GREGORY

For the third time in a row, Manchester University Esports “Super Smash Bros. Ultimate” team brought home the Great Lakes Esports Conference championship.

Manchester Smash traveled to Game Arena in Hilliard, Ohio, as the no. 2 seed for the GLEC Playoff tournament. They beat Trine and the University of Saint Francis before facing no. 1 seed Valparaiso in the finals on Saturday, April 2.

Local students on the team include:

■ August Elliott, of Wabash, majoring in elementary education.

■ James Stefanatos, of North Manchester, majoring in software engineering.

■ Mitchell Manns, of North Manchester, majoring in marketing.

The championship best of five series lasted an exhausting three and a half hours, with sophomore August Elliott in the clutch for a 3-2 final score.

“I am extremely proud of this team for all the hard work they have put in this year. There are always Smash players in the lab refining combos or grinding online matches to make themselves better,” said Garrett “toweroftoast” Schieferstein, director of esports at Manchester.

“Their dedication to working outside of practice is why they have achieved what they have. Three championships in a row is something that we aimed for,” he said. We knew it was going to be tough as we lost to Valpo earlier in the season, but I know that our biggest strength is adapting and learning the longer a match goes on. That’s why we were able to come back and beat Valpo in the finals.”

For the last match-up of the tournament, the Spartans had to face off against the only team able to beat them so far in GLEC.

“Thank you to the whole team, staff, and student assistants. Special thank you to seniors Alex Stefanatos and Bryce Morales. Your leadership and personalities will be missed next year. I’m glad we were able to give you guys one last championship,” Schieferstein said.

Follow Manchester Esports on Twitter at @MU_esport. To learn more about the program, contact esports@manchester.edu.

Scholarships are available for League of Legends, Rocket League, Super Smash Bros., Fortnite, Overwatch and Valorant.

The Manchester Smash roster includes:

■ James Walsh, sophomore, of Peru.

■ Collin Eastman, sophomore, of Kewanee.

■ August Elliott, sophomore, of Wabash.

■ Alex Stefanatos, senior, of North Manchester.

■ Bryce Morales, senior, of Estero, Florida.

■ Savion Hunter, sophomore, of Phenix City, Alabama.

■ Mitch Manns, first year, of North Manchester.

■ Josh Lee, first year, of Wyandotte, Michigan.

■ Trent Delliquadri, first year, of Chesterton.

■ Duncan Burns, first year, of Walkerton.

Manchester Smash traveled to the Game Arena in Hilliard, Ohio, as the no. 2 seed for the GLEC Playoff tournament. The Spartans had dropped only one game all season heading to the tournament to no. 1 seed Valparaiso.

The Spartans had a first-round matchup against no. 7 Trine, an opponent that had played close every year in the playoffs. Sophomore James Walsh led the Spartans to a clean 2-0 victory over the Thunder.

In round two the Spartans took on no. 6 University of Saint Francis. Sophomore August Elliott dominated the Cougars, taking the whole second game himself.

For the last match-up of the tournament, the Spartans had to face off against the only team able to beat them so far in GLEC. The format would be a best of five rather than the previous best of three.

Valpo started the match with a win in game one. The Spartans were able to lock in and take the next two games, giving them a 2-1 lead in the match-up and pushing them to tournament point. Valpo rallied back and took game four, meaning that the finals would go to the storied game five.

Sophomore James Walsh got off to a very hot start taking six of Valpo’s nine stocks. All day, Valpo’s anchor was tough to get through. Valpo managed to take down Walsh and fellow sophomore Collin Eastman while only dropping one stock.

Last up for the Spartans was August Elliott. He had been clutch for the Spartans all season and it did not stop in game five. Elliott cleaned up Valpo’s last remaining two stocks securing the championship as the crowd roared.

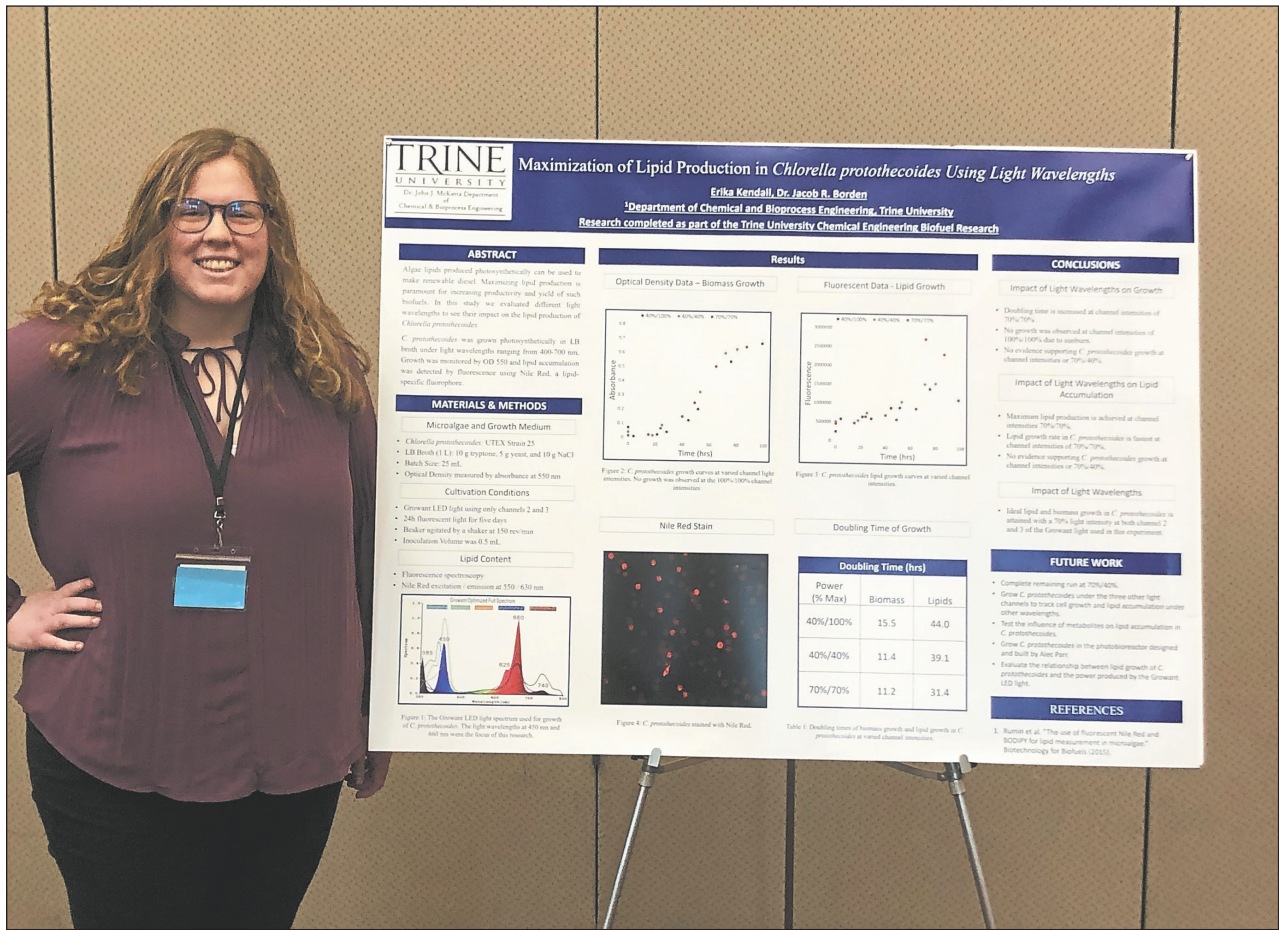
In total, the championship best of five series lasted an exhausting three and a half hours. This win gave the Spartans their third consecutive GLEC “Super Smash Bros.” Conference title.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.



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Erika Kendall, of North Manchester, earned a second-place award at AIChE regional competition for her research poster, “Maximization of Lipid Production in Chlorella protothecoides Using Light Wavelengths.”

Trine chemical engineering teams qualify for nationals

Erika Kendall, of North Manchester, earned second place for her undergraduate research poster

STAFF REPORT

Eighteen chemical engineering students from Trine University took part in competitions at the North Central Student Regional Conference of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), with two Trine teams qualifying for the national competition.

The event was held April 8 and 9 at the University of Akron.

The university’s ChemE Jeopardy team finished in first place. In the ChemE Jeopardy competition, teams participate in a single-elimination Jeopardy-style trivia contest covering undergraduate chemical engineering topics. For each bout, three teams go head-to-head with two rounds of questions and a final Jeopardy.

Trine defeated the University of Illinois Chicago in a head-to-head matchup in the semifinal round, then defeated Western Michigan University and the University of Toledo in the championship.

Team members were: Jonah Blanchard, a senior from Wauseon, Ohio; David Deniston, a junior from Bowling Green, Ohio; Adam Dumas, a junior from Swanton, Ohio, who served as captain; Sherrie Riser, a senior from Anderson; and Laura Weller, a senior from Munster. Allen Hersel, Ph.D., professor in the McKetta Department of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering, was an advisor for the project.

“We were very excited to participate in and win this year’s regional ChemE Jeopardy Tournament because the past three years have been a virtual competition,” said Dumas. “We’re very excited to compete in Phoenix in November.”



Trine University’s ChemE Jeopardy team won first place in AIChE regional competition and will advance to nationals: Team members are, from left, Jonah Blanchard, David Deniston, Sherrie Riser, Laura Weller and Adam Dumas.

Trine’s ChemE car team finished in second place, also qualifying for nationals. In the ChemE Car competition, teams of students must build a small “car,” about the size of a shoebox, powered by a chemical reaction and stopped by a change in chemical concentrations. The team has to design the car to travel between 15 and 30 meters and carry a load of 0 to 500 grams of water, with the exact distance and load not specified until during the actual competition. Power and stopping mechanisms must be students’ own original design.

Team members were: Dean Campbell, a freshman from Batesville; Luke Crowner, a freshman from Saline, Michigan; David Deniston, a junior from Bowling Green, Ohio; Parker Gillespie, a senior from Solsberry; John McClelland, a sophomore from Oak Forest, Illinois; and Madison Ruen, a freshman from Antwerp, Ohio. John Wagner, Ph.D., professor in the McKetta Department of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering, was an advisor for the project.



Trine University ChemE Car team members, from left, Dean Campbell, Luke Crowner, Madison Ruen, Parker Gillespie and John McClelland, with their car and a poster describing their project.

The Trine vehicle stopped 4.78 meters short of the target, despite the team having to resolve a wiring issue that caused the car to reverse during its first run.

“After identifying, brainstorming and problem-solving the issue, we were excited to still perform well and advance to nationals,” said Gillespie.

Four Trine students also presented undergraduate research posters at the event. Erika Kendall from North Manchester, earned second place for “Maximization of Lipid Production in

Chlorella protothecoides Using Light Wavelengths.” CJ Elston from Plainfield (presenter), and Elaine Kuckkahn from Tomohawk, Wisconsin (author), placed third for “Closed Systems, Blown Open?”

Jacob Borden, Ph.D., associate professor in the McKetta Department of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering, was an advisor for student research.

National competitions will be held during the 2022 AIChE Annual Meeting, Nov. 13 to 18 in Phoenix, Arizona.

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First-year Kaitlyn Carr, from Valparaiso and Chesterton High School, improved to 5-2 in the pitcher's circle this season after an outstanding performance. Carr allowed just one run while scattering seven hits.

Manchester softball gets back into the win column

The Spartans took the opening game of the day by a final score of 4-1

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University softball team returned to the win column after splitting a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) doubleheader at rival Anderson University on Tuesday, April 12.

Manchester took the opening game of the day by a final score of 4-1. The Ravens managed to pick up a walk-off 3-2 win in the second game of the afternoon to earn a split of Tuesday's doubleheader.

Manchester led for the entirety of the opening game on Tuesday afternoon. The Black and Gold struck for a pair of runs in the top of the first inning as senior Lizzie Smith, from Indianapolis

and Franklin Central High School, doubled home both Izzy Dittmar, from Warsaw and Warsaw Community High School, and Brook Reaves, from Kokomo.

Anderson would respond with a run of its own in the home half of the opening inning.

The Spartans would then add single runs in the top of the third and sixth innings, respectively.

In the top of the third, Kodi Douglass, from Huntington and Huntington North High School, hit an RBI single that scored Julianne Gosnell, from Amboy and Oak Hill High School.

In the top of the sixth inning, Delayne Sanchez, from Osceola and Penn High School, also connected on an RBI single.

In Tuesday's opener, both Sanchez and Izzy Dittmar collected two hits.

First-year Kaitlyn Carr, from Valparaiso and Chesterton High School, im-

proved to 5-2 in the pitcher's circle this season after an outstanding performance. Carr allowed just one run while scattering seven hits.

In the second game of the afternoon, the Spartans scored both of their runs in the top of the sixth inning. Kodi Douglass got Manchester on the scoreboard after hitting a sac fly to right. Lizzie Smith would then tie the game at 2 after hitting an RBI single to center.

The Ravens would go on to eke out a 3-2 win after scoring the game-winning run in the home half of the seventh inning following an error in the field by the Spartans.

Manchester (9-17, 1-5 HCAC) hosted Bluffton University on Friday, April 12 at the MU Softball Field.

Friday's game was a makeup from an early postponement.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Spartan men claim Manchester Invitational team title

Manchester to compete at Indiana D3 Championships at DePauw on Saturday, April 16

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University outdoor track and field teams battled the elements on Saturday afternoon as the Black and Gold hosted the Manchester Invitational at Spartan Stadium on Saturday, April 9.

Battling chilly temperatures and the occasional snow shower, the Spartans welcomed competing athletes from Earlham College; Grace College, of Indiana; Grace Christian University, of Michigan; Hanover Col-

lege; Hope College; Huntington University; Illinois Tech; Indiana Wesleyan; Muskegon Community College; Olivet College and St. Francis.

The Manchester men led the 12-team field with an overall team score of 133 points. Hope College placed second with 105 team points, while Grace, of Indiana, placed third with 100 team points. On the women's side, Hope led Saturday's field with 186 team points, while Grace, of Indiana, placed second with 126 team points and Hanover third with 88 team points. The Spartan women place sixth with 58 team points.

Prior to the start of Saturday's meet, Manchester honored its senior class with a small, on-field ceremony.

Event Winners

Men

■ The 4x100 meter relay team of Gabe Melvin, Duriel Moss Jr., Tristen Bronaugh, and Quentin Willis took home the top spot on Saturday after sprinting to a final time of 43.45. The team's time was good enough for seventh all-time on the Manchester Top 10 listings.

■ Quentin Willis, from Athens, Georgia, and Oglethorpe High School, would go on to add a first-place finish in the 110m hurdles after crossing the tape in a personal best time of 15.65.

■ Ben Villafuerte, from Angola, rounded out the afternoon with a first-place finish in the shot put, topping the field with a final mark of 14.61m. Villafuerte improved upon his personal

best set earlier this spring and his mark still ranks ninth all-time at Manchester.

Women

■ Adelle Stanko, from Okemos, Michigan, won the triple jump on Saturday with a leading mark of 10.09m. Stanko also earned a second-place finish in the long jump following a mark of 4.78m.

■ Carley Camp, from Logansport, took home top honors in the hammer throw following a leading mark of 43.96m. Additionally, Camp placed third in the shot put on Saturday afternoon. Her mark of 12.72m improved upon her best mark set earlier this spring and still stands as the fifth-best mark in school history.

Podium Placements (Top 3)

Men

■ Zackary Freel, from South Whitley and Whitko High School, earned a runner-up placement in the high jump on Saturday after clearing 1.75m.

■ Gabe Melvin, from Jacksonville, Florida, and Atlantic Coast High School, posted a runner-up placement in the 200m dash after clocking a final time of 23.20. Melvin also landed on the podium in the 100m dash following a third-place finish and time of 11.29 seconds.

■ Tristen Bronaugh, from Crawfordsville, placed third in the 400m with a personal-best time of 51.80.

■ Joe Garling, from Cedar Lake, and Hanover Central

High School, placed third in the hammer throw after a final mark of 42.73m.

■ The 4x400 meter relay squad of Ben Miles, Brayden Stamm, Dylan Leininger and Connor Havens placed third with a collective time of 3:54.80.

Women

■ Brooke Bouwens, from Clarksville, Michigan, and Lakewood High School, earned a runner-up finish in the 100m hurdles on Saturday after crossing the finish line with a time of 17.38. Her time was a new personal best.

The Spartans are slated to compete at the Indiana D3 Championships hosted at DePauw University on Saturday, April 16.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church
On Sunday, April 17 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 10 a.m., and the worship service will be at 10:40 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message, “The Obstacles of the Tomb,” will be delivered by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047

or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church
On Sunday, April 17 at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. Instead of Sunday School, the men’s group will be serving a pancake and egg breakfast from 9 to 10 a.m. The message for both Easter Sunday Services will be “Easter People” from Romans 6:1-11. The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. There will be a children’s church for the 10:30 a.m. service led by Kelly and Lynnette Good. A recorded version of the Good Friday sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group and the Easter Sunday Message will be there by the morning of Sunday, April 17.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-

person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on its Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

St. Patrick’s Church
The historic St. Patrick’s

Church, 950 Main St., Lagro, will hold mass days on May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. All masses begin at 11 a.m. The Lagro 950 Speakeasy Bistro opens at 11 a.m. for an after-mass lunch at 950 Washington St., Lagro.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at

the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for “Wabash Nazarene” or searching Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. *Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

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R-Huntington.

“The unborn deserve further protection, and we’re ready to take immediate action if the U.S. Supreme Court weighs in favorably this summer,” Snow said, on Wednesday. “We are on the precipice of something significant here. It’s been a step-by-step process we’ve undertaken in this state to protect our most vulnerable. I’m hopeful this ruling will allow us to take another step.”

On April 8, Zay said he was interested in maintaining Indiana’s reputation as “one of the most pro-life states in the nation.”

“I believe we should act as soon as we can to further protect the unborn in our state,” said Zay.

On Thursday, Leonard said taking immediate action would be imperative.

“Should Roe be partially or wholly overturned, I urge our governor to call us back into session so that we can take legislative action immediately,” Leonard said. “We need to seize the opportunity to strengthen Indiana’s pro-life policies and save the unborn.”

In the May primary election, Leonard is running against current Wabash County Councilmember Lorissa Sweet. On Thursday, Sweet said she was skeptical of Leonard’s commitment to the issue.

“I agree it is past time that

abortion is ended in our state. I do think that on the heels of an election, the timing of these news releases are convenient. For six years these same legislators have had the opportunity to support legislation to end abortion and have chosen only support regulation,” said Sweet. “It would not surprise me if my opponent, Dan Leonard, decided to do a similar release (as Snow), since it’s his first time having a challenger that is more pro-life than he is. He’s had 20 years to help end abortion in the state and has never authored legislation to do so. It’s political posturing. I wish it was because they truly want to see the end of abortion in our state, but their previous actions say otherwise.”

Zay is running unopposed for re-election this year. On the Democratic Party side, Tammari (Tammy) Ingalls is running unopposed in the May primary election for her party’s nomination. She would face either Leonard or Sweet in the general election, depending on the outcome of their primary race. State Representative District 50 covers all of Wabash County except for Pleasant Township. (State Representative District 22 does cover Pleasant Township, and Republicans Curt Nisly and Snow, and Democrat Dee M. Moore are running in the May primary election. Nisly and Moore did not return requests for comment as of press time.)

“Women deserve the

same rights to reproductive healthcare that men enjoy. Or do Republicans view us as second-class citizens and unworthy of equal access to healthcare? What we are seeing in Republican-controlled state governments throughout our country is nothing less than men, joined by a few women, stripping the right to life-saving medical care from half of the population,” said Ingalls, on Friday. “These men will never carry a life within their own bodies. These men will never have to carry the product of a rape. These men will never face the incredibly difficult decision of whether to terminate a pregnancy – especially if is wanted yet incapable of survival. None of these men will ever be faced with how to find a safe abortion of an ectopic or nonviable, or deceased, pregnancy.”

Ingalls said she didn’t understand how those “without firsthand knowledge of personal experience” were “so quick to make the choice to force birth upon unwilling, and often incapable, mothers.”

“Of course, as good Christians, they claim ‘Sanctity of Life.’ That seems too frequently to be the dominant battle cry against abortion, hypocritical as it is,” said Ingalls. “That’s all well and good for one’s personal views. Or for the government of a theocracy. Fortunately, we don’t live in Iran or under Taliban rule. At least, not yet. Last I checked, the First Amendment stipulates that

‘Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,’ so it will be a sad day – an anti-American day – should the Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade based on the religious opinion of a few.”

Ingalls said she took exception to Snow’s contention that “even one unborn child suffering this fate is horrific.”

“I would ask him, ‘How do you know that?’ How does he know that there is suffering? Or when the fetus is even alive and sentient? What he may consider distasteful isn’t necessarily horrific. Children without food and shelter in the richest country on earth is horrific.

The lifelong mental trauma of bearing a rape pregnancy is horrific,” said Ingalls. “Has Mr. Snow even considered how maternal deaths will increase with a ban on abortion?”

Ingalls said many women do not easily give up their children to adoption, which ends up further burdening the Department of Child Services (DCS).

“Yet the Republican supermajority wants to deny women healthcare and force them to produce children that these leaders don’t know what to do with,” said Ingalls.

Ingalls said leaders should “work smarter to prevent

abortion at its source.”

“If Republicans want to prevent abortion, then offer free contraceptives to women of childbearing age and all men, including reversible vasectomies. That, sirs, is how you reduce abortion and unwanted pregnancies,” said Ingalls. “Let me be perfectly clear. I am not pro-abortion. I am pro-it’s-nobody’s-business. But I will always be an ally to anyone who has found themselves in that situation. To be otherwise is to perpetuate the stigma and burden on women.”

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH) SS:
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
2022 TERM
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
RICHARD B. HOOVER, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 85C01-2203-EU-000035
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that VAN HOOVER was, on March 28, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard B. Hoover, deceased, who died on the 27th day of December 2021. The Personal Representative is authorized to administer the Estate without Court supervision.
ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE CLAIMS AGAINST THIS Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 30th day of March, 2022
/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)
Lori Draper
Clerk, Wabash Circuit Court
Wilford A. Hahn
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF Wabash) SS:
IN THE Wabash Circuit Court
CAUSE NUMBER: 85C01-2203-JC-000017
IN THE MATTER OF:
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A Child ALLEGED TO BE
A Child IN NEED OF SERVICES
AND
Cara M Isaac (Mother) AND
ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF child IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING
TO: Any Unknown Alleged Father
Whereabouts unknown
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court, 49 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992 - 260-563-0661 for a(n) Fact Finding Hearing on 6/21/2022 at 1:00 PM. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.
UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.
YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.
/s/ Lori J. Draper, Clerk
Scott Probert, 36934-49
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
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LEGALS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH) ss:
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 85C01-2204-EU-000039
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
JAMES ANDREW SHROYER, Deceased
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of April, 2022, JAMES T. A. SHROYER was appointed personal representatives of the unsupervised estate of JAMES ANDREW SHROYER, deceased, who died on the 6th day of April, 2022.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 13th day of April, 2022.
/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)
LORI DRAPER, Clerk
Wabash Circuit Court
Attorney for the Estate:
R. P. Fisher
FISHER & IRELAND
65 West Canal Street
Wabash, Indiana 46992
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LEGALS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH) SS:
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.: 85C01-2202-EU-000018
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
JOSEPH P. MARTIN, Deceased.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Wabash Circuit Court.
In the matter of the Estate of Joseph P. Martin, deceased.
Cause Number: 85C01-2202-EU-000018
Notice is hereby given that Tracy E. Gonzalez was on the 18th day of February, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph P. Martin, deceased, who died on January 28, 2022, while domiciled in Wabash County, Indiana.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated in Marion, Indiana, this 9th day of April, 2022.
/s/ Lori Draper (SEAL)
Clerk of the Wabash County Courts
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff Sale File number: 85-22-0013-SS
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 10:00 am
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement
Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$58,140.85
Cause Number: 85C01-2003-MF-000186
Plaintiff: FIRST FARMERS BANK & TRUST
Defendant: THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ASSIGNS AND/OR DEVEISEES OF DAVID V. BOWMAN, DECEASED and ESTATE OF DAVID B. BOWMAN; ANY AND ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE REAL ESTATE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the free simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:
PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER OF THE WABASH AND NORTH MANCHESTER GRAVEL ROAD, WHERE THE SAME IS INTERSECTED BY THE SOUTH LINE OF A TRACT OF LAND SOLD BY EDWARD S. ROSS AND WIFE TO LEVI RENICKER AS SHOWN BY DEED RECORDED ON PAGE 42 OF DEED RECORD #10 OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT SO CONVEYED TO LEVI RENICKER, 130 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD 80 FEET; THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE FIRST LINE HEREIN DESCRIBED 130 FEET TO THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD 80 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO USE THE 25 FOOT ROADWAY ABUTTING SAID TRACT ON THE NORTH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS TO AND FROM SAID TRACT.
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Laura O' Donnell, Plaintiff's Attorney Ryan Baker, Sheriff
Attorney No. 34296-34 By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant
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Dad signals he may bring girlfriend to guys weekend

DEAR ABBY: My father, who has been a widower for 17 years, has been dating a woman on and off for 12 years, a couple years after my brother and I left for college. My brother and I have never cared for her, but we live three hours away from them in opposite directions now. We figure if he's happy, then it's none of our business. I try not to be rude, but I simply do not enjoy spending time with her.

I've been planning an out-of-state sports weekend with my dad and brother. I have been looking forward to it, because with three small kids, I have little time for these kinds of activities. I got us all tickets and hotel rooms, but my brother now has to skip it because of a family medical issue.

Dad has just hinted he may bring his girlfriend to take my brother's spot, because "she's upset and not talking to me because I didn't take her to my brother's son's birthday." I can't imagine a more excruciating weekend.

I told him plainly, "I expected this to be a 'guys' weekend." But, like always, he was cagey, and I'm terrified he is going to show up with his girlfriend. How can I impress upon him that I don't want her to use my brother's unused ticket because I do not want to spend the weekend with her? – Bad Sport In Oregon

DEAR BAD SPORT: Is your dad unaware of how you feel about his lady friend? The solution to your problem would be to tell your father that while you are pleased he has found happiness with this woman, you do not enjoy her company, which is why he doesn't see more of you.

While you're at it, tell him what it is about her that you cannot tolerate. Then "remind" him that her presence would change the character of the "guys weekend," and if he plans to bring her, he will spend the weekend alone with her – your treat – because you, too, will change your plans.

DEAR ABBY: In seven months, my 43-year-old son will be married for the second time. Because of his fiancée's problem drinking, I am absolutely against the marriage. I hate the idea of going to the wedding. Should I go anyway, and have the most miserable day of my life? I doubt that I would be able to hide my sadness. Or should I decline, tell my son I wouldn't be a good guest to have on his happy day and wish them "all the best"? – Hesitating In Washington

DEAR HESITATING: I will assume that your son is aware of your concerns about his fiancée's drinking. Do not boycott this wedding. If you do, you will create a wedge between you and your daughter-in-law that could last for decades. Plaster on a smile and attend so you can wish them all the best in person. Then cross your fingers that your wish comes true.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

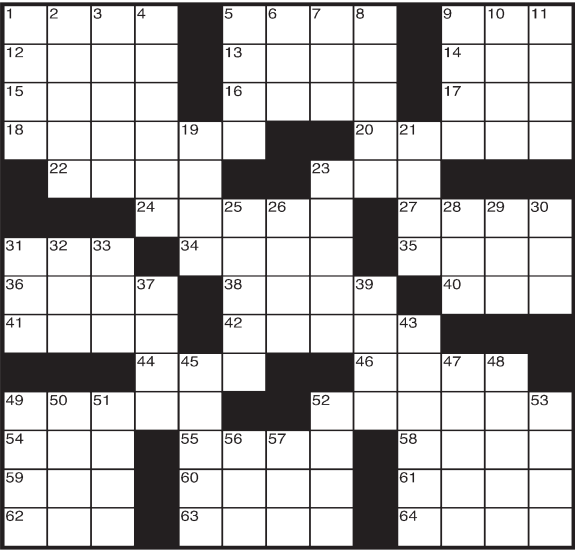
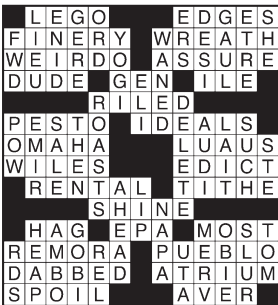
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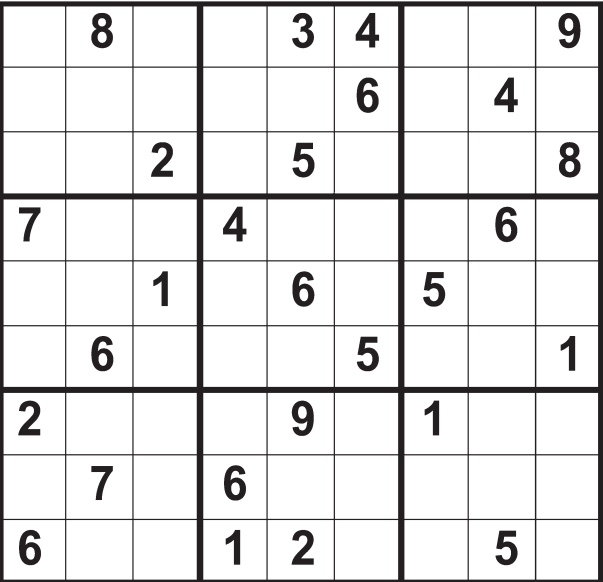
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
3	2	8	4	1	7	9	6	5
1	7	4	9	6	5	8	3	2
5	6	9	2	8	3	4	1	7
2	3	1	8	9	6	7	5	4
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8	9	5	1	7	4	6	2	3
9	5	2	6	4	8	3	7	1
6	8	3	7	2	1	5	4	9
4	1	7	3	5	9	2	8	6

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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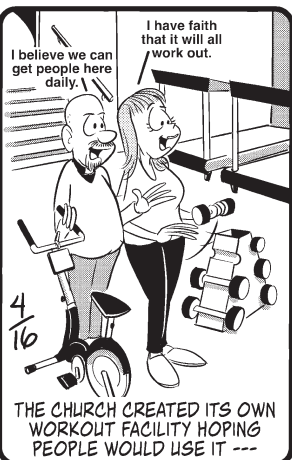
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Yesterday's

Jumbles: BLEAK ALIAS WRENCH AROUND

Answer: There will be Jumble cartoons every day as long as the cartoonist doesn't — DRAW A BLANK

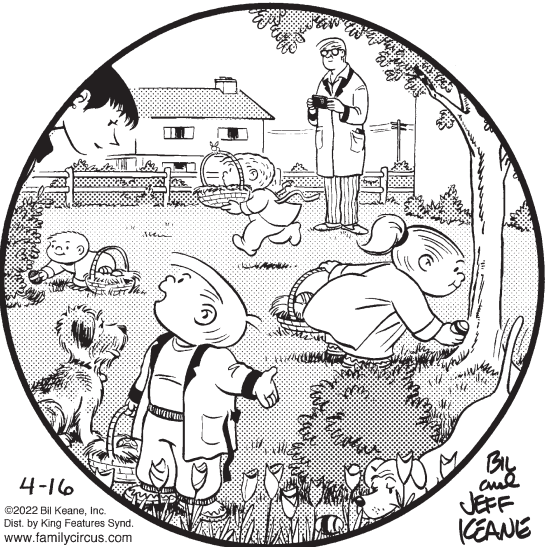
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

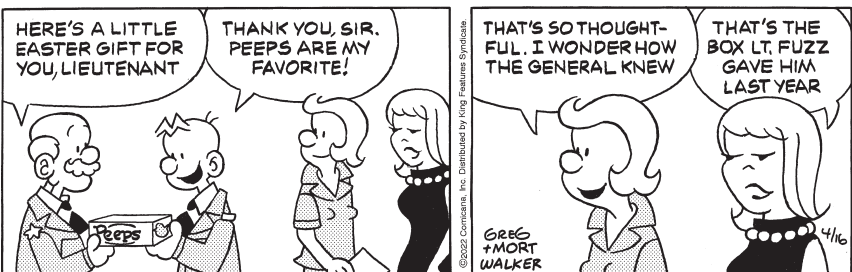
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By Bil Keane

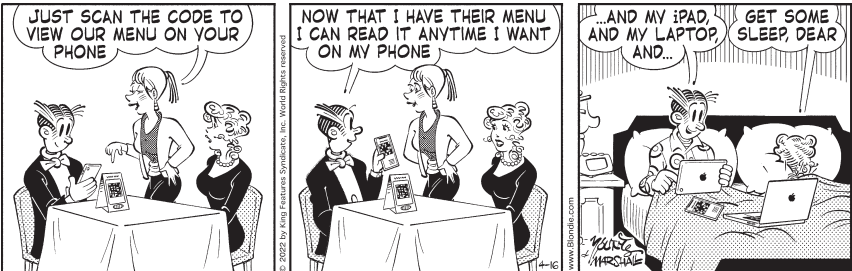


“How come the Easter Bunny hides the eggs in the same places every year?”

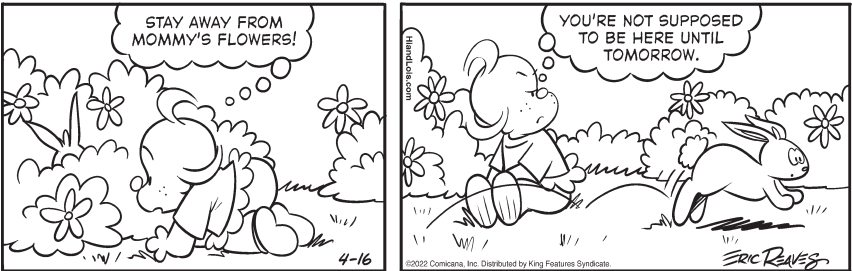
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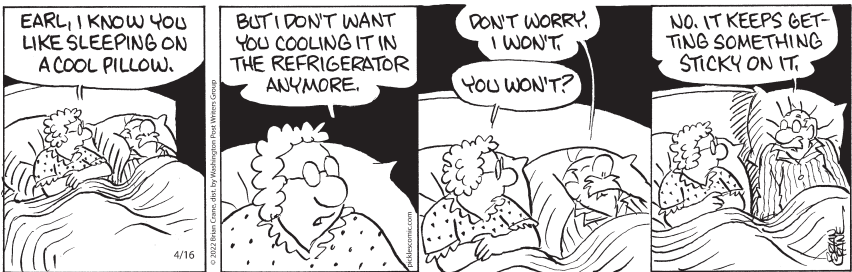
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PICKLES



Only Jesus can defeat Satan

Q: Is it true that Jesus suffered more than any other person did? – S.J.

A: No one ever experienced greater spiritual suffering than

Jesus did. The wheel of humiliation and death would squeeze Jesus to the point of great agony. His death was a spiritual battle against the powers of darkness, and His resurrection meant the triumph of God over Satan. No mere man could defeat Satan. Only Jesus. And He did it for us. Jesus' agony was endured because of His great love for mankind.

The garden of Gethsemane is the place where Jesus' humanity was revealed. There He faced the choice between obedience and disobedience. He was not a robot programmed to obey God automatically. He knows what it's

like to be tempted. And, after three years of selfless giving, Jesus was never more vulnerable to temptation than at this moment in the garden.

It's one thing to die for a cause; it's quite another to die for an entire world – for all the accumulated sins of generations past and generations to come. Sin had to be punished. If God were simply to forgive our sins without judging them, then there would be no justice, no accountability for wrongdoing; God would not be truly holy and just. The cross was the

only way to resolve the problem of sin. Martyrs are killed because of beliefs they stand on even in the face of death. Christ faced death to bring us to belief in Him. He was wounded for our transgressions, and by them we are healed (Isaiah 53:5). And He did it willingly.

There's a wonderful song often heard at Easter: "O what a Savior, O hallelujah, His heart was broken on Calvary. His hands were nail scarred, His side was riven, He gave His life-blood for even me." Look to Jesus for life eternal.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“XSXEI RKEDJZC CJSXW K PUEXDKWDX
UP VVKDO, XSXEI EXTZJUJ K
OJZD UP DOX EXWTEEXHJUZ.”
— KEDOTE WHOURXZOKTXE

Previous Solution: “Unconditional love means accepting someone for who they are now, not who you hope they will be one day.” — DeVon Franklin

TODAY'S CLUE: A sþnþə |

PULSE

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the third Tuesday of every month, through Jan. 17, 2023. Participation is limited to 14 guests. Register by calling 260-563-9622 or emailing jthibos@wabashcountymca.org. Participants will receive a free lunch on behalf of Crossroads Bank and will have the opportunity to learn about financial management. Topics include credit reports and scores, buying a home, how to budget, managing debt and more. To learn more about the Wabash County YMCA, visit www.wabashcountymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org. Learn more about the Wabash County YMCA job offerings at www.wabashcountymca.org/jobs. To make a tax-deductible donation “to support the Y’s cause of strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility,” visit www.wabashcountymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org.

Salamonie ‘Twins’ Among the Trees’ Forest School concludes Wednesday, April 20

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. The class will be held on Wednesday, April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Manchester University Giving Day 2022 is set for Wednesday, April 20

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go to The Manchester Fund, which helps provide scholarships for students who might not otherwise be able to afford a Manchester education. It also covers many day-to-day expenses – from lab equipment to baseballs to utility bills. To donate, and find other Giving Day information, visit <https://givingday.manchester.edu/>. Gifts also may be made by phone by calling 260-982-5997. Donations may also be sent to Manchester University, c/o Giving Day, 604 E. College Ave., North Manchester, IN 46962. Manchester University is a 501(c)3 organization and gifts may be deductible as allowed by state and federal law.

Manchester University professor brings ‘Mud & Cloth’ to Honeywell Center

Ejenobo “Jena” Oke brings her unique “Mud & Cloth” exhibit to the Clark Gallery in Honeywell Center through Sunday, April 24. Oke is best known as a fiber artist and is an associate professor of art at Manchester University. Her works range from loom-controlled weavings to batik quilts to sculptures that incorporate ceramics, paper, felt and basketry materials.

GWC, Manchester University to host author, speaker Mary Miller

Grow Wabash County (GWC) and Manchester University’s Arthur L. Gilbert School of Business are partnering to bring author, business owner and motivational speaker, Mary Miller to Wabash County. Miller will facilitate an afternoon workshop entitled “Course Corrections: Crucial Choices that Determine Direction and Destiny” at 1 p.m. Monday, April 25, in the GWC conference room, 214 S. Wabash St. This event is free for Grow Wabash County investors to attend and \$15 for non-investors. To register, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/millerworkshop

or email marketing@growwabashcounty.com.

City plans annual spring clean-up

The Wabash spring clean-up will begin at 6 a.m. Monday, April 25 and will last through Friday, April 30. All items should be curbside on the day of the weekly trash route. Trash piles should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet. For residents not wanting to place items on the curbside, a Dumpster will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 25 through Friday, April 30, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District (WCSWMD), 1101 Manchester Ave. Proof of city residence will be required. The Street Department will not accept batteries, paint, petroleum products, chemical, televisions, computers and other electronic devices, tires, appliances with Freon, loose shingles, drywall or plaster.

Kappa Delta Phi Purse Auction planned

The Kappa Delta Phi Purse Auction has been planned for Wednesday, April 27 at Zion Lutheran Church, 173 Hale Drive. Registration and purse preview will be at 6 p.m., and the auction will start at 6:30 p.m. There will be “over 60 purses filled with surprises.” For more information, call 260-571-9391.

Frontline Pest Management to celebrate new home in downtown Wabash

Grow Wabash County will celebrate the new downtown location of one of its newest investors, Frontline Pest Management, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Frontline Pest Management’s new location, 67 S. Wabash St., Suite A. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and

their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. The class for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesday, May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, April 27 and May 25 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, May 11 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Tickets for Cocktail Mixology Class are now on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced a new experience, the Cocktail Mixology Class will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28 and Thursday, May 4 in partnership with Gallery 64. Tickets are \$25 per person and participants must be 21 years of age or older. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/our-events.

North Manchester Center for History hosting IHS’s traveling exhibit Auto Indiana

North Manchester Center for History is hosting Auto Indi-

ana, one of the Indiana Historical Society’s (IHS’s) traveling exhibits, through Friday, April 29 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, call 260-982-0672 or visit www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org.

Early voting begins for primary elections

All registered Indiana voters are eligible to vote absentee in-person. Voters who choose to vote by mail may request an absentee ballot online at www.indianavoters.com or from their county clerk’s office. Request for absentee ballots by mail must be delivered by Thursday, April 21. A valid photo ID is required to vote absentee in-person. In Wabash County, early voting will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays through Monday, May 2 in the clerk’s office at the Wabash County Judicial Center, 59 W Hill St. On Election Day, in-person voting will take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 at Zion Lutheran Church, 173 Hale Drive; First United Methodist Church, 110 N Cass St.; Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; and Pleasant Township Fire Department, 10459 N Ogden Road, Laketon. Before Election Day, in-person may also be completed from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23 and Saturday, April 30 at the Wabash County Clerk’s Office; Saturday, April 23 and Saturday, April 30 at the Town Life Center; Saturday, April 23 at Woodlawn Methodist Church, 151 N. 2nd St., Somers; and Saturday, April 30 at the Lafontaine Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, 12 S. Wabash Ave.

National Day of Prayer observances planned

Local National Day of Prayer events are set for Thursday, May 5. The noon prayer will last from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. on the lawn of the Wabash County Courthouse. The evening prayer will begin at

6:30 p.m. at the large pavilion at Wabash City Park, 800 W. Hill St. Bring your lawn chair and dress appropriately for the weather. The guest speaker for both events will be Indiana Statehouse chaplain Matt Barnes. For more information, visit www.praywabash.org.

Local property tax bills are due


Spring bills are due by Tuesday, May 10. Taxes that are not paid by the deadline will receive a penalty. One check may be used when paying both spring and fall installments. Taxpayers may pay in person at the Wabash County Treasurer’s Office in the Wabash County Courthouse building on the main floor from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, except for Good Friday, April 15 and Election Day, Tuesday, May 3, when they will be closed. Banks that will be collecting property taxes for her office include Bippus State Bank in North Manchester, Crossroads Bank in Wabash and North Manchester, First Farmers Bank in Wabash, First Merchants Bank in Wabash and Flagstar Bank in Wabash. Payment may also be made in the drop box located at the basement entrance of the Wabash County Courthouse. Payment may also be made through the mail to Wabash County Treasurer, 1 W. Hill St., Suite 104, Wabash, IN 46992. Postmarks must be on Tuesday, May 10 or before. Taxpayers should enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a receipt back. Tax payments may now be paid with credit cards. Taxpayers who did not receive all of their bills should contact the Wabash County Treasurer’s Office. For more information, visit www.wabashcounty85.us or call 260-563-0661, ext. 1259.

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Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine
Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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Daily Bible Reading						
John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-14	John 21:15-25	Romans 9:1-18	Romans 9:19-33	Romans 10:1-21
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society						
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